

2019 Legislative Session: Development of a Coordinated and Comprehensive Specialized Transportation Plan

Many in our community cannot access basic life sustaining goods and services (medical, food, social services) due to lack of affordable and accessible transportation.

Funding Request 1: Development of a Coordinated and Comprehensive Specialized Transportation Plan

\$250,000 One-Time funds to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses the problem of limited transportation options for seniors, persons with disabilities, and other transportation disadvantaged groups.

Current situation:

- Limited Funding
 - Funding is specific to client eligibility (disability, age, income) and is siloed
 - Transportation services are fragmented and limited
 - Established funding restrictions, rules and guidelines
- Policy issues at the federal, state and local levels
 - Creates barriers
 - Creates inefficiencies
 - Policy barriers limit coordination capabilities
- There are not enough operational resources to run existing vehicles/fleets
- Limited transportation options for those that fall outside the qualification boundaries
 - No same day service
 - Cost too much

UTA will work with our local and regional partners to break down barriers and establish a transportation blueprint for truly coordinated mobility across the Wasatch Front.

Key points of the plan will include:

- Comprehensive plan to support disadvantaged populations
- Consensus across partners/stakeholders
- Distinct milestones
- Definitive solution
- Detail existing resources as well as needed resources, both capital and operations
- Maximize current resources
- Future UTA service improvements to be included in scope
- Logistically to address the urban core, acknowledging the rural areas, but not addressing their needs directly at this time
- Inclusive and cognizant of various transportation challenged populations such as veterans, refugees, persons of low income, etc.

This plan will develop a consensus scenario that will be brought back to the legislature for approval and funding for full implementation.